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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: PRASAD *et al*

Appl. No.: 10/727,252

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For: Remote Management of Field Devices
In A Manufacturing Plant

Art Unit: 2121

Examiner: Ronald D Hartman Jr.

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Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.114

Mail Stop RCE
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks accompanying the request for continued examination (RCE). Entry of this preliminary amendment prior to continuation of substantive examination is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page number 9 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No.: 20-0674.

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